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Honorable William J. Casey:
Director
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Dear Mr. Casey:

I was recently contacted by a constituent who is deeply concerned that the issue of shooting dogs for wound research will have serious repercussions for this administration. He urges that this administration not only oppose the ballistic wound laboratory at Bethesda, but state its strong opposition publicly.

Enclosed is a copy of [] letter outlining his concerns. I believe he raises some very good points.

I appreciate your consideration of [] concerns and hope you will let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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November 1, 1983

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
130 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

This is a follow-up of our meeting on October 31 with you and Congressman Wolf to discuss the Department of Defense's experimental program of shooting animals at their Bethesda Wound Laboratory and other places.

In spite of a mounting tide of protests, this practice has not been stopped. It has been halted for a study but no permanent order has come from the Defense Department to cease this cruel and unnecessary activity.

As a dog breeder I am strongly opposed to this barbaric practice and will do anything in my power to halt it. However from a pragmatic point of view I see hidden dangers that can flare to the surface; dangers that can directly inflict serious image problems on our Republican Party. I said in my letter to Congressman Wolf dated August 24th that I have been a life-long Republican and, setting aside any emotional involvement on the issue of the mistreatment of animals, I see in this practice an opportunity for the Democratic opposition to inflict a deep wound to our Party.

As you probably know there are over 30,000,000 pet owners in the United States. There are some 30,000 veterinarians and there are countless dog clubs headed by the powerful American Kennel Club. They represent a potentially dangerous voting group.

STAT The main opposition to this practice is organized by [redacted]. He heads a group called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). So far their protests have been non-political. However I have noted, to my dismay, that articles in the New York Times and the Washington Post, among other papers, have mentioned the names of Democratic Congressmen who have protested against these experiments while, so far, I can see not one Republican voice raised in protest.

Apart from stopping this practice I see a wonderful opportunity for the Republican Party to take the lead in halting these experiments. I see no reason why our President cannot issue an order that this be stopped immediately. Think of the wonderful effect this would have on animal lovers

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who can and do vote. What an image building opportunity! Consider, on the other hand, what can happen if the Republicans do not take the lead in ordering a halt to these experiments. Instead of being a non-partisan group, the People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals can now blame the Republican Party for allowing this practice. They can mount a well organized press attach that can cover the entire country. They can parade in front of the White House with signs reading: "The President Condones the Slaughter of Animals". They can do this in front of the offices of every Republican -- Governors, Congressmen and Senators. They can enlist the support of the press to witness such demonstrations. I hate to think of the impact on the image of our Party should they take this path.

STAT I told [] that I was meeting with you and he agreed to wait and see the results of my visit. I hope it will be fruitful.

STAT My contacts with the Republican Party are deep. Should I call Bill Casey or Charles Wicks? Nancy Reagan went to school with [] and I can get to her. Or should I wait until we see the results of your effort?

Thank you very much for your assistance. Let us use this opportunity to enhance the image of our Party.

Sincerely yours,

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